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SUBJECT: GOE POSITION AT 28TH UNGA: ISSUES

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1. ACTING PRINCIPAL OFFICER WILEY AND USINTOFF HOUGHTON CALLED ON MFA'S HEAD OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS SECTION OMRAN SHAFI'I AUGUST 23 TO DISCUSS ISSUES RAISED REFTEL. SHAFI'I WAS ACCOMPANIED DURING TALKS BY HIS DEPUTY, OMAR SIRRI, AND OTHER OF HIS SECTION'S DESK OFFICERS. FOLLOWING PARAGRAPHS SUMMARIZE GOE POSITION REGARDING ITEMS OF CONCERN IN UNGA DEBATE.

2. KOREA: SIRRI AND SHAFI'I ASKED IF ROK HAD DROPPED PRIOR CONDITIONS TO DPRK'S PARTICIPATION IN UN, I.E., THAT DPRK ACCEPT CONTINUATION OF UN COMMAND. SHAFI'I EXPLAINED THAT, EVEN THOUGH ROK WOULD NOT OBJECT TO DPRK PARTICIPATION IN DEBATE OR IN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, EGYPT'S POSITION REGARDING UNC WAS THAT IT SHOULD BE DISBANDED. ON QUESTION OF FULL MEMBERSHIP IN UN, SHAFI'I SAID THAT ACTION IN THIS REGARD SHOULD WAIT FOR RECOMMENDATION BY UNSC; UNTIL SUCH TIME, GOE WOULD NOT
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TAKE POSITION.

3. CONVENTION ON PROTECTION OF DIPLOMATS: GOE WISHES TO CONTRIBUTE TO DISCUSSION ON CONVENTION, BUT WANTS TO HAVE ISSUE "DISCUSSED WITHIN CONTEXT OF ALL RELATED MATTERS"--I.E., UNGA SHOULD ALSO DISCUSS ISSUES OF INDIVIDUAL, GROUP, AND STATE TERRORISM, AS WELL AS THEIR UNDERLYING CAUSES. SHAF'I DID NOT ACCEPT US VIEW THAT CAUSES AND ACTIONS SHOULD BE TREATED AS SEPARATE ISSUES. HE INDICATED THAT TERRORISM BY STATES WOULD BE MUCH ON GOE'S MIND IN THIS REGARD.

4. TERRORISM: SEE ABOVE PARAGRAPH.

5. WORLD DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE (WDC): SIRRI STATED THAT GOE POSITION REMAINS ESSENTIALLY UNCHANGED FROM PAST YEARS: IT APPROVES OF WDC IN PRINCIPLE ON CONDITION THAT ALL NUCLEAR POWERS PARTICIPATE.

6. NON-USE OF FORCE (NUF): GOE VOTED FOR LAST YEAR'S NUF RESOLUTION, AND WOULD VIEW FAVORABLY UNGA DISCUSSION ON NUF AS A WAY OF STRENGTHENING UN MECHANISM.

7. NAPALM AND OTHER INCENDARIES: GOE HAS NOT FULLY DEVELOPED STANCE ON THIS. BOTH SHAF'I AND SIRRI APPEARED TO FOCUS ON QUESTION OF WHICH COMMITTEE WOULD CONSIDER QUESTION. THEY PROMISED TO CONTACT US LATER WHEN THEY HAVE FULLER GOE POSITION.

8. MIDDLE EAST: SHAF'I AND SIRRI TOOK EXPECTED, STRONG POSITION ALONG GOE'S WELL-KNOWN LINE. DURING COURSE OF 40-MINUTE MONOLOGUE ON SUBJECT, SHAF'I STATED THAT US VETO OF NON-ALIGNED RESOLUTION IN JULY SC DEBATE ON ME HAD FRUSTRATED THE EFFORTS OF OVERWHELMING MAJORITY OF SC MEMBERS. THIS, HE SAID, "WOULD HAVE ITS EFFECT AND ECHO." HE NOTED THAT US VETO AFFECTED ROLE OF UN ITSELF. SINCE SHAF'I SEEMED TO BE HINTING THAT GOE WOULD RAISE QUESTION OF LEGITIMACY OF VETO POWER, WE ASKED IF GOE WAS CONSIDERING RAISING ISSUE OF US VETO IN CONTEXT OF MIDDLE EAST DEBATE, OR INTENDED TO TAKE BROADER POSITION ON LEGITIMACY OF VETO POWER AS SUCH. SHAF'I SAID THE FORMER CONFIDENTIAL

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WAS THE CASE. (COMMENT: NOT ENTIRELY CONVINCINGLY, HOWEVER. FORTHCOMING ALGIERS NON-ALIGNED SUMMIT MIGHT GIVE FURTHER INDICATION OF GOE INTENTIONS IN THIS REGARD.)

9. AFRICAN ISSUES: (A) RHODESIA. GOE TAKES VIEW THAT US HAS SPECIAL ROLE AS PERMANENT MEMBER OF SC TO IMPLEMENT ALL SC RESOLUTIONS, INCLUDING THOSE CALLING FOR SANCTIONS AGAINST RHODESIA. (B) PORTUGUESE LIBERATION MOVEMENTS:

WHILE TAKING NOTE OF US POSITION, GOE BELIEVES THAT ALL PORTUGUESE LIBERATION MOVEMENTS SHOULD BE PERMITTED TO PARTICIPATE IN UN DELIBERATIONS ACCORDING TO WISHES OF UNGA. SHAF'I AND SIRRI HAD NO SPECIFIC COMMENT ON RESOLUTIONS OF OSLO CONFERENCE.

10. HUMAN RIGHTS: GOE WOULD SUPPORT GENERAL PRINCIPLE OF FREEDOM OF RELIGION AND OBJECTIVE TREATMENT OF HUMAN RIGHTS QUESTIONS. IT WOULD, HOWEVER, GIVE SPECIAL ATTENTION TO QUESTION OF FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT, PARTICULARLY INSOFAR AS THIS REGARDS FREEDOM OF RETURN OF REFUGEES. SIRRI ASKED SPECIFICALLY WHAT US POSITION WOULD BE REGARDING DISCUSSION ON IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FOURTH GENEVA CONVENTION ON PROTECTION OF CIVILIANS IN OCCUPIED TERRITORIES.

11. FINANCIAL PROBLEMS: SHAF'I AND SIRRI APPEARED TO ACCEPT US POSITION THAT 25 PERCENT ASSESSMENT ISSUE SHOULD NOT BE REOPENED. BOTH TOOK PARTICULAR NOTE OF HARMFUL EFFECTS OF DOLLAR DEVALUATION ON SUBSIDIARY PROGRAM ACTIVITIES OF UN IN REGARD TO LDC'S. IN EFFECT, DEVALUATION HAD CREATED PROBLEMS FOR UN PROGRAMS WHICH NOW HAD SMALLER CASH RESOURCES THAN THEY HAD ANTICIPATED.

12. ECOSOC: GOE FEELS THAT 28TH UNGA IS OPPORTUNE TIME FOR REVIEW OF IDS. REGARDING SUBSTANCE, GOE WOULD LIKE US TO TAKE NOTE OF FACT THAT CONTRIBUTIONS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AS PERCENTAGE OF THEIR TOTAL WEALTH IS DECREASING. US HAS SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITY TO INCREASE ITS OWN CONTRIBUTIONS. GOE ALSO FEELS THAT DEVELOPED COUNTRIES' USE OF PREFERENCE SYSTEM WAS TOO MUCH TO THEIR SELF-ADVANTAGE IN PROMOTING TRADE, AND TOO RESTRICTIVE IN REGARD TO LDC'S. RESULT IS FURTHER DECREASE IN LDC'S RESOURCES, CONFIDENTIAL

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AND THIS SHOULD BE RECTIFIED.

13. SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY: GOE POSITION WAS NOT SUFFICIENTLY DEVELOPED ON THIS ISSUE TO PERMIT MORE THAN EXPRESSION OF GENERAL ATTITUDE THAT GOE IS OPPOSED TO PROLIFERATION OF UN SPECIALIZED AGENCIES.

14. SAHELIAN ZONES: SHAF'I NOTED US CONTRIBUTIONS TO DRAUGHT-STRICKEN COUNTRIES. HE STATED THAT GOE HAS CONTRIBUTED TO THEIR RELIEF ON BILATERAL BASIS.

15. COMMENT: IN GENERAL, GOE APPEARS TO BE HOLDING TO PREVIOUS POSITIONS. REGARDING NEW SUBJECTS, KOREA QUESTION IS ONE TO WHICH GOE HAS CLEARLY GIVEN MUCH ATTENTION. GOE HAS NOT YET DEVELOPED DETAILED POSITIONS

ON SEVERAL OF THE MORE TECHNICAL ISSUES. ALTHOUGH GOE'S
VIEWS ARE AT VARIANCE WITH THOSE OF US ON MANY MATTERS
OF IMPORTANCE AT UPCOMING UNGA, DISCUSSIONS WITH USINTOFFS
WERE HELD IN CONSTRUCTIVE ATMOSPHERE, MADE UNEVEN ONLY BY
SHAF'I MONOLOGUE ON ME QUESTION.

16. WOULD APPRECIATE US POSITION ON GENEVA CONVENTION
ON PROTECTION OF CIVILIANS IN OCCUPIED TERRITORIES TO PASS
TO SHAF'I ON HIS RETURN FROM ALGIERS CONFERENCE.
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